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ABSTRACT

This book, a volume of the High/Scope Elementary Curriculum science books series, is designed to bring the essential features of plant and animal environments into focus. It contains activities that enable students to gain insights into the life histories of animals and plants, their habitats, and their place in the broader picture of life on earth and to provide students with opportunities to explore the world. The 14 parts are as follows: Part 1: The Environment Is Where You Are; Part 2: Moving in an Environment; Part 3: Communication between Environments; Part 4: Your Environment--Beneath Your Feet; Part 5: Your Environment--on the Walls; Part 6: Your Environment--above Your Head; Part 7: Taking Care of Our Environment; Part 8: Basic Materials for Supporting the Study of Living Things in the Environment; Part 9: Collecting, Collections, and the Environment; Part 10: Looking at Living Forms in the Environment; Part 11: Food for Life from Living Forms; Part 12: Animals in the Environment--Invertebrates; Part 13: Animals in the Environment--Vertebrates; Part 14: Life and Environment Case Studies--Some Classroom Experiences. Included with each activity is a standard set of information designed to help teachers determine the activity's appropriateness for their students, plan its implementation, and help children focus on a range of exciting and relevant learning experiences. Following the specific activities is a section containing case studies drawn from personal experiences in implementing science activities with groups of students. Appendices include Teaching Aids and The Development of Problem-Solving Skills. (JRH)

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